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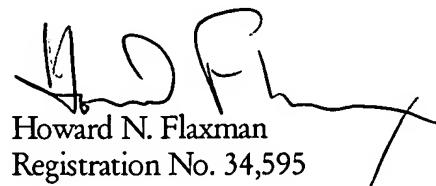
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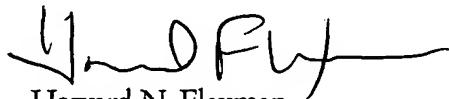
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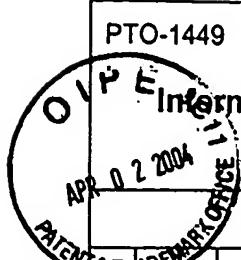
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E.	1916748	7/4/33	T.G. Wright			
F.	2000226	5/7/35	L.A. Fry			
G.	2142305	1/3/39	Davis			
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I.	2430200	11/4/47	Wilson			
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E.	3111205	11/19/63	Gresham			
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G.	3182769	5/11/65	DeRidder			
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D.	3590545	7/6/71	Webb			
E.	3657852	4/25/72	Worthington et al.			
F.	3688460	9/5/72	Van Loghem et al.	62	466	9/2/70
G.	3694983	10/3/72	Couquet			
H.	3731445	5/8/73	Hoffmann et al.	52	391	8/3/70
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D.	4067155	1/10/78	Ruff et al.	52	105	8/28/75
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F.	4070845	1/31/78	Cody	52	632	6/21/76
G.	4070987	1/31/78	Gross et al.			
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